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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN JA US

SUBJ: US-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON UN: FAO ASSESSMENT

REF: TOKYO 11240

1. ON SEPTEMBER 5 ONDA, HEAD, SOCIAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, UNITED NATIONS BUREAU, FONOFF, CALLED EMBOFF TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF USG CONTRIBUTION TO FAO. ONDA RECALLED THAT AT RECENT US-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON UN, ASSISTANT SECRETEEY POPPER HAD ASKED WHY GOJ HAD SUPPORTED USG EFFORT REDUCE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UN TO 25 PERCENT WHILE RESISTING USG EFFORT TO BRING CONTRIBUTION TO FAO TO SAME LEVEL. ONDA HAD REPLIED AT TIME THAT 1974 IS SECOND YEAR OF 1973-1974 BIENNIAL BUDGET CYCLE AND FOR THIS REASON GOJ COULD NOT AGREE TO CHANGE IN 1974.

2. ONDA NOTED IN SEPT 5 DISCUSSION THAT IN FACT 1974 IS FIRST YEAR OF 1974-1975 CYCLE, THUS HIS EXPLANATION OF GOJ RATIONALE AT CONSULTATIONS HAD BEEN INCORRECT. HE APOLOGIZED FOR ERROR. ACTUAL BASIS FOR GOJ POSITION, HE SAID, IS AS FOLLOWS: USSR AND TWO MEMBER REPUBLICS WHICH ARE UN MEMBERS ARE NOT MEMBERS OF FAO. THUS, USG CONTRIBUTION TO FAO SHOULD BE LARGER THAN 25 PERCENT LIMIT APPLIED.

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CABLE TO UN, WHICH LIMIT IS BASED ON PRINCIPLE OF UNIVER-

SAL MEMBERSHIP OF UN. ADDITIONALLY, IF USG CONTRIBUTION SHOULD DECREASE TO 25 PERCENT, GOJ SHARE WOULD LIKELY HAVE TO ALMOST DOUBLE TO SLIGHTLY OVER 9 PERCENT. THIS INCREASE WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH WITHIN ONE YEAR; AT LEAST, INCREASED CONTRIBUTION TO FAO MIGHT RESULT IN SMALLER CONTRIBUTION TO SOME OTHER AID ACTIVITY. FINALLY, ACCORDING TO ONDA, USG CONTRIBUTION HAD BEEN SET IN 1972, AND USG SHOULD AWAIT NEXT BIENNIAL BUDGET CYCLE TO REDUCE CONTRIBUTION.

3. ON REFLECTION, ONDA SAID, GOJ FEELS IT DOES NOT HAVE A STRONG CASE. GOJ BELIEVES THAT IF USG AND GOJ WERE TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER, GOJ WOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLY WITH USG REQUEST IN TIME FOR NOVEMBER FAO CONFERENCE, WHEN FAO WILL FIX ASSESSMENTS FOR 1974 AND 1975. ONDA SUGGESTED DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO INSTRUCT EMBASSY SO THAT DISCUSSIONS CAN TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER USG WISHES PURSUE MATTER IN TOKYO OR ELSEWHERE. IF DEPARTMENT WISHES PURSUE MATTER IN TOKYO, REQUEST APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS AND ANY BACKGROUND INFO DEPARTMENT FEELS WOULD BE NECESSARY.
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